

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Meiningen

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1. On 23 December 1952, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was occupied to capacity by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 9:30 a.m., about 100 troops engaged in drill at squad level. Each squad included an officer. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

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2. On 23 December, the Haupt Kaserne at the intersection of Leipziger Strasse and Knochenhauer Strasse was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Fifteen officers and about 200 EM were at training in the barracks yard. Some of the soldiers practiced on five mortars. At about 2 p.m., about 30 troops armed with rifles left the installation. Ten trucks [redacted] were in front of a garage. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

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1. Comment. The 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was last confirmed [redacted] in connection with three shipments from Chrdruf to Meiningen. [redacted] In this report, the service color observed [redacted] are the only indications for the presence in Meiningen of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. [redacted]

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The occupation of the Haupt Kaserne by Soviet troops is reported for the first time. The installation has been occupied by elements of a VP cadre division.

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